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SUBJECT: LOS DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES

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1. OCTOBER 7, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED LAW OF SEAS WITH GUI DIBO, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES, WHO HEADED GOIC DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. REGARDING CARACAS CONFERENCE, GUI DIBO FELT IT WAS NOT A "FIASCO" AS JOURNALISTS HAD REPORTED; A BEGINNING HAD BEEN MADE, GAPS BETWEEN COUNTRIES WERE NARROWING, AND STAGE WAS SET FOR NEXT LOST MEETING IN GENEVA. NOTING THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO REPLACE CUSTOMARY LAW BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TO RECONCILE THE MANY DIVERGENT POINTS OF VIEW, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY IN NEGOTIATIONS; IF AGREEMENT WERE RAMMED THRU TOO PRECIPITOUSLY THERE WAS RISK THAT MANY POINTS OSTENSIBLY SETTLED WOULD RE-OPEN LATER ON.

2. AMBASSADOR INFORMED GUI DIBO OF PROPOSED VISIT OF MYRON NORDQUIST (REFTEL) AND GUI DIBO STATED HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE HIM.
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